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Applicant: LEPSIUS, et al.

Title: METHOD AND FLAT STRUCTURE FOR

DETACHABLY FIXING AN OBJECT TO A

SURFACE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

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- 1. IDC w/references
- 2. International Search Report

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